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UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE
TWO KC FELONS SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL FIREARMS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two Kansas City, Mo., men were sentenced in federal court today, in separate and unrelated cases, for illegally possessing firearms. Today's sentencings, Graves said, are the result of Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

* **Reginald A. King**, 22, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. Chief District Judge Dean Whipple this morning to three years and one month in federal prison without parole for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

On Nov. 15, 2004, **King** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, **King** admitted that he was in possession of a CZ .40-caliber semi-automatic pistol on Aug. 21, 2004. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **King** has a 2002 criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance.

King was originally charged in an indictment that was returned by a federal grand jury on Sept. 10, 2004, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rudolph R. Rhodes, IV. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Rickey E. Renfro**, 22, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this morning to two years and six months in federal prison without parole for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

On Jan. 6, 2005, **Renfro** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By

pleading guilty, **Renfro** admitted that he was in possession of a colt .357-caliber revolver on Sept. 4, 2004. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Renfro** has a 2003 criminal felony conviction for burglary from an automobile and a 2002 criminal felony conviction for theft.

Renfro was originally charged in a criminal complaint that was filed on Oct. 14, 2004, in Kansas City. The criminal complaint was later replaced by an indictment that was returned by a federal grand jury on Nov. 4, 2004, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Christina Y. Tabor. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Project Ceasefire

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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